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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of February 3, 2002, Applicant submits the following response.

Please cancel claims 5-20 without prejudice to filing a continuation application.

Applicants traverse the grounds of the restriction requirement. Applicant elects with traverse, newly renumbered claims 22 and 23, falling into Group I. However, Applicant traverses the restriction of claims 21-23 on the ground that claim 23 depends from claim 21 and thus in any search regarding the patentability of claim 23, the scope of claim 21

must also be searched. In view of this linkage of claims 21 and 23, Applicant requests that all claims be considered together.

Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the application and submit that it is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT, re Application Serial No. 09/826,463 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, this 20th Day of February 2003.

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